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In re Application of:]
DOUGLAS E. OTT et al]
Serial No. 09/363,234]
Filed: July 27, 1999]
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR]
TREATING GAS FOR DELIVERY]
TO AN ANIMAL]

Examiner: Michael Thompson

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.97 and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations and subsequent to a first Office Action, record is hereby made of published prior art that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application.

No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better art than that listed is available.

U.S. Patent
4,621,632

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Inventor
Harold U. Bartels et al

Other Prior Art

None.

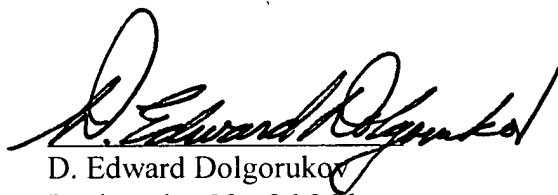
A copy of the cited patent document is enclosed, along with IDS Form PTO/SB/08. The cited patent document was cited in an Office action rendered February 3, 2002. Thus, this prior art is being submitted within 3 months of citation under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (c)

The undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application, and to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

This information disclosure statement is being filed after a first office action in this case, and a check in the required amount of \$180.00 is enclosed herewith.

It is requested that this reference be fully considered and made of record in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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